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FOR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER FROM BOSWORTH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OECD, CIEC
SUBJECT: CIEC - CURRENT STATUS OF KEY ISSUES

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS OVER PAST TWO DAYS IN
COORDINATION OF COMMON G-8 POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES OF
ODA VOLUME AND THE COMMON FUND. ON THE FORMER, THE EC
RESISTS GIVING THE G-19 A COMMON G-8 DRAFT
ENCOMPASSING THE U.S. POSITION. THEY ARGUE THAT SUCH
A DRAFT WOULD BE PERCEIVED BY THE G-19 AS LESS
FORTHCOMING THAN THE G-8 PAPER OF LAST NOVEMBER AND,
GIVEN THE MAJOR IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE, WOULD BE
EXTREMELY PREJUDICIAL TO THE SATISFACTORY
CONCLUSION OF CIEC.

2. SIMILARLY, THE EC REFUSES TO WORK ON ANY COMMON
G-8 POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN
THEIR ROME LANGUAGE. THE ADMIT THEY HOPE FOR A SHIFT
IN THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS -- AS WELL AS ON ODA
ISSUE-- COMING OUT OF THE LONDON SUMMIT. WE HAVE
RECEIVED DEMARCHES FROM FROMENT MEURICE AND OTHERS
IN THE EC TO THE AFFECT THAT COMPLETE G-8 ADHERENCE
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TO THE ROME LANGUAGE IS THE MINIMUM CIEC RESULT
ACCEPTABLE TO THE G-19 AND VITAL TO SATISFACTORY
CONCLUSION OF CIEC. AS WE REPORTED EARLIER, WE ARE
NOT AT THIS TIME CONVINCED EITHER (1) THAT, GIVEN
THE G-19'S LACK OF NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY, IT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE HERE A FORMULATION OF
POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMON FUND WHICH

IS DIFFERENTIATED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY
FROM THE UNCTAD/G-77 VERSION; OR (2) THAT IN THE END,
THE G-19 WOULD NOT ACCEPT A POLITICAL STATEMENT ON
THE FUND SHORT OF A COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPAL TO
ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

3. FROMENT MEURICE AND OTHERS ON THE EC ARE CONCERNED
THAT SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON THE COMMON FUND
WILL FALL SHORT OF THE EC'S ROME LANGUAGE AND THUS
EXACERBATE THE EC'S INTERNAL COORDINATION PROBLEMS
IN CIEC. THEY HAVE STRESSED THAT REGARDLESS
OF ANY LANGUAGE AGREED IN LONDON, THE EC'S
POSITION IN CIEC WILL REMAIN THAT OF ROME. UK
AND FRG OFFICIALS ON THE RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION,
HOWEVER, TELL US THAT IN THEIR VIEW SUMMIT
LANGUAGE SHORT OF THAT IN THE ROME COMMUNIQUE
WOULD MAKE THE EC POSITION HERE MORE FLEXIBLE.

4. AT THIS POINT, I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT WE HAVE A COMMON G-8 POSITION ON THESE TWO
ISSUES BY THE END OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONTACT
GROUPS ON MAY 14. THESE ARE AMONG THE FOUR OR

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FIVE ISSUES ON WHICH WE HAVE ANTICIPATED THAT FINAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE G-19 WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE
POSSIBLE UNTIL THE MAY 26-27 MEETING OF SENIOR
OFFICIALS. WE CAN USE THE WEEK OF MAY 16 TO
ASSESS IN WASHINGTON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THESE

TWO QUESTIONS TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES IN CIEC AND COORDINATE WITH THE G-8 ON THE BASIS OF THAT ASSESSMENT ON THE EVE OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETINGS.

5. WE ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS WITHIN THE G-8 ON OTHER ISSUES, INCLUDING SPECIAL ACTION. FROMENT MEURICE WILL PRESS YOU HARD FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION THROUGH A MULTILATERAL CHANNEL ON THE GROUNDS THAT A SERIES OF BILATERAL COMMITMENTS BY THE G-8 WILL LACK CREDIBILITY. WE HAVE BEEN ADAMANT THAT A MULTILATERAL ROUTE IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US AND ARGUED THAT IF THE BILATERAL COMMITMENTS ARE THEMSELVES CREDIBLE, THE OVERALL SPECIAL ACTION PACKAGE WILL BE SO, TOO.

6. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT OUR DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY ASSIGNING AN ONGOING ENERGY DIALOGUE TO UNCTAD HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN WITHIN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE G-8 THAT THE U.S. NO LONGER SEEKS A CONTINUING PROCESS OF MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY. WE HAVE DENIED THIS, BUT STRESSED THAT WE REMAIN UNWILLING TO PAY A PRICE FOR G-19 AGREEMENT TO A CONTINUING DIALOGUE, INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, AGREEMENT TO AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WHICH LINKED ENERGY TO SPECIAL POST-CIEC DISCUSSIONS/NEGOTIATIONS ON SOME OR ALL OTHER NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES.

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